

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. (canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A method for temporarily inactivating a wireless communication device which sends and receives an electromagnetic communication signal, said method comprising enclosing said device in a container and locking said container with a seal which prevents removal of said device from said container, said container comprising a signal shielding layer wherein said signal shielding layer comprises an electrically conductive layer or a microwave absorptive layer, said signal shielding layer being configured to surround said device when said device is enclosed within said container to thereby attenuate said communication signal and render said device inoperable; said seal being adapted so that breakage of said seal to unlock said container can be visually detected; ~~The method of claim 1~~ wherein said container is a heat sealable plastic bag; said signal shielding layer is coated or laminated onto said bag; and said bag is locked by heat sealing a heat sealable portion of said bag whereby said heat seal seals said device in said bag.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 which further includes keeping said device spaced apart from said signal shielding layer while said device is enclosed within said bag.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said device is kept spaced apart from said signal shielding layer by inserting a spacer layer between said bag and the device within the bag.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said signal shielding layer is metal.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said metal is aluminum.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said device is a cell phone.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said device is a cell phone.

13-21. (canceled).

22. (Currently amended) A method for temporarily inactivating a wireless communication device which sends and receives an electromagnetic communication signal, said method comprising enclosing said device in a container; said container comprising a signal shielding layer wherein said signal shielding layer comprises an electrically conductive layer or a microwave absorptive layer, said signal shielding layer being configured to surround said device when said device is enclosed within said container to thereby attenuate said communication signal and render said device inoperable. ~~The method of claim 21~~ wherein said container is a bag and said device is enclosed within said bag by placing said device in an open end of said bag and then folding over said open end of said bag to thereby close said bag with said device therein.

23-28. (canceled).

29. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 6 wherein said electromagnetic ~~radiation~~ communication signal is an infrared beam.